

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as indicated.

Please amend paragraph 59 as follows:

In general, one or more diffusers of any type may be used in hybrid collimated/diffuse illumination systems 302, 304 according to the present invention. Accordingly, diffuser 320 or diffuser 325 may be omitted or additional diffusers may be added. Diffuser 320 has an advantage in that it is located at or near the array of discrete emitter sources thereby making the illumination more uniform near the illumination source. Diffuser 325 is provided near the collimating lens 330 to further ensure that uniform illumination is input to collimating lens 330. Collimating lens 330 is provided near prism 340 to ensure at least part of the diffuse light is collimated and efficiently passed to prism 340 and through to focal plane/sensor plane 380. These locations are illustrative. Diffuser 320 and/or diffuser 325 and collimating lens 330 may each be located at different relative locations depending on a particular application or configurations configuration.

Amendments to the Drawings

Please substitute the attached formal drawing replacement of FIG. 3A for the pending formal drawing of FIG. 3A. An annotated copy is also included to show the correction. Specifically, in the formal drawing of FIG. 3A, a reference number (302) was added. This reference number appeared in FIG. 3A as originally filed, but was inadvertently left off of the formal drawing.